

**Resolution No. T-2022-02-004R:**

**A Resolution in Support of HB 2775 Barring Source of Income Discrimination and Protecting Rental Assistance Recipients**

**WHEREAS**, throughout the State of Illinois, and country, countless applicants are being turned away from available housing opportunities simply because landlords or property management companies choose not to accept their legal form of payment. This includes Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Housing Choice Vouchers, veteran vouchers, child support, emergency COVID assistance and any other "non wage" forms of rent payment. This is known as Source of Income Discrimination in housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cities of Chicago and Urbana (co-terminous with Cunningham Township) are some of the only cities in Illinois to prohibit Source of Income Discrimination and both cities have robust rental housing markets; and

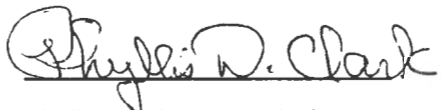
**WHEREAS**, HB 2775 would make it illegal to deny someone the opportunity to apply for housing based solely on the their source of income. It would also help protect: Over half of Illinois (2.7 million) households earn some sort of non-wage income, Vulnerable persons needing emergency assistance to cover rent, Persons whose rent payments are being refused because they come from COVID-19 relief programs, 99,000 Housing Choice Voucher participants in Illinois, Persons needing vouchers to flee domestic violence, sex trafficking, or other dangerous situations, Workers whose jobs are seen as unstable due to COVID-19 (e.g., service industry), Clarify that the minimum income required by housing providers be based on the portion the tenant pays, Allow victims of SOI discrimination to seek justice in court for the first time in Illinois, and Create a legal defense against an eviction if the owner refused to accept emergency rental assistance programs as payment for rent.

**WHEREAS**, HB 2275 has passed the Illinois House and has 24 co-sponsors in the Senate including Senator Scott Bennett of the 52nd District. State Representative Carol Ammons is also a co-sponsor.

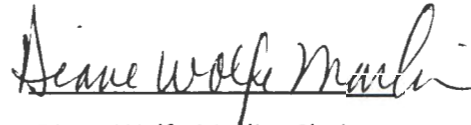
**WHEREAS**, Housing Action Illinois, of which Cunningham Township is a member, is gathering supportive resolutions and signatures for HB 2275 from throughout the State,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of the Town of Cunningham that a majority of Township Board members support HB 2775 Barring Source of Income Discrimination and Protecting Rental Assistance Recipients.

Approved this February 14, 2022 by the Township Board of the Town of Cunningham,  
Champaign County, State of Illinois.



Phyllis Clark, Town Clerk



Diane Wolfe Marlin, Chair